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SUBJ: BUSIA AND OTHERS TO LOSE ASSETS FOLLOWING REPORT OF
CORRUPTION COMMISSION

1. MORE THAN FOUR YEARS AFTER HE WAS OUSTED FROM OFFICE BY THE ACHEAMPONG LED COUP, FORMER PRIME MINISTER KOFI BUSIA, ALONG WITH TWO OTHER EX-MINISTERS, HAS BEEN FOUND IN VIOLATION OF LOCAL LAWS AND WILL BE REQUIRED TO SURRENDER MAJOR PORTIONS OF ASSETS ACQUIRED DURING PERIOD OF PROGRESS PARTY RULE.

2. BUSIA HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH DEALING IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE BLACK MARKET TO EXTENT OF SOME SEVENTY THOUSAND CEDIS AND WITH SEVERAL OTHER ACTS TO ACQUIRE ASSETS ILLEGALLY. HE WILL BE REQUIRED TO SURRENDER GAINS, INCLUDING FOUR HOUSES. OTHER ASSETS WHICH HE CAN RETAIN AND WHICH ARE IN GHANA WILL BE HELD PENDING RESTITUTION OF THOSE ASSETS OUTSIDE GHANA WHICH COMMISSION HELD TO BE ILLEGALLY OBTAINED. ASSETS OF MRS. BUSIA, HOWEVER, WERE UNTOUCHED EXCEPT TO EXTENT THAT THESE TOO ARE TO BE HELD PENDING RESTITUTION BY HER HUSBAND. TOTAL BUSIA REPAYMENT IS IN EXCESS OF FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND CEDIS.
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3. TWO OTHER MINISTERS, S.D. DOMBO AND R.R. AMPONSAH, ALSO WERE SUBJECTED TO PENALTIES FOR CORRUPT ACQUISITION OF ASSETS. APPARENTLY DOMKO'S WIVES WERE ONLY HALF CORRUPT: FOUR OF EIGHT CAN RETAIN ASSETS WHILE OTHER FOUR MUST SURRENDER THEM. DOMKO IS TO REFUND ABOUT ONE HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND CEDIS AND AMPONSAH ABOUT SEVENTY THOUSAND.

4. BOTH DOMBO AND AMPONSAH ARE IN GHANA AND PRESUMABLY THEIR ASSETS ARE ALSO. BUSIA IS IN ENGLAND.

5. THERE ARE NINE OTHER PROGRESS PARTY FIGURES FOR WHOM THE COMMISSION IS YET TO REPORT.
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